

VALLEY HAM NEWS

**The Voice of the Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club
A California Non-profit Organization**

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NEXT CLUB MEETING AND PICNIC

The next regular club meeting will be the annual Club Picnic in August.

Location will be at the Forbestown Museum in Forbestown.

Time and directions will be forthcoming in August issue of the Valley Ham News.

This is a fine opportunity to tour the museum, which has been expanded from last year when we were there. It even has a telegraph exhibit where you can check your fist on a landline telegraph circuit.

CLUB OFFICERS

President: Curtis Sylvester Jose, KF6VFP
Vice President: Russ Decker, KB6YAF
Secretary: Jean Knox, KF6EIN
Treasurer: Clara Ansley, KC6JPP

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Art Nelson, KF6UEV **Bill McJunken, N6FAB**
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NEXT CLUB BREAKFAST AND BOARD MEETING

The next Club Breakfast is on Saturday, July 8, at 8:30AM. Location will be at the Kalico Kitchen in Live Oak. Time will be 8:30AM. The Kalico Kitchen is on the left side of Highway 99 in the north portion of Live Oak.

The Board Meeting will follow at approximately 9:30AM.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

YUBA SUTTER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MINUTES June 10, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Russ Decker-KB6YAF after breakfast at the Kalico Kitchen in Live Oak. Other Officers present: Clara Ansley-KC6JPP and Jean Knox-KF6EIN. Board members present: Art Nelson-KF6UEV, Herb Puckett-W6HBU, Bill McJunken-

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N6FAB and Lee Sheffield-KC6MCI. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The financial report was given by Clara. Checking acct. balance as of May 13, 2000, \$2,809.89.

Disbursements \$52.68. Repeater balance \$592.00. VE balance \$76.80. May 13, 2000 club balance \$2,088.41.

\$82.00 Dues: \$18.00 Margaret Morrill, \$34.00 ARRL Dues Russ Decker and \$30.00 Ad for The Radio Place to be deposited June 14, 2000.

OLD BUSINESS:

All but three upgrades are listed on the ARRL Website as of this date.

We will be ordering our Club badges from Recognition Products in Chico. Club members can order, using the order form included in the newsletter. The price will be \$9.00 with a magnet or \$6.00 with a pin.

Russ has arranged for us to have the club logo reproduced on shirts, hats, etc. The cost will be \$5.00 - \$6.00. More info later.

The Club Picnic will be held on August 12 in Forbestown.

NEW BUSINESS:

The next VE Session will be held on July 15. The next breakfast and Board Meeting will be held on July 8 at the Kalico Kitchen at 8:30AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Knox - KF6EIN, Secretary

BADGE SNAG

As this is written on June 25, we have run into a snag of sorts of the Club Badges. It seems the provider in Chico needs official Club approval of the design before starting the setup process.

This is being worked on, and if we can get things going in the next day or two, there will be a layout and order blank in this issue. If it doesn't appear, you will know that the process is still not finished.

Stay tuned to the Monday night net and the club web site for late-breaking details.

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EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

Summer is here! What is W6HBU doing in the hot valley??? That question has been asked more than once recently. I've even been accused of causing the hot spell, since it usually turns cool when the trailer leaves the valley for the pine tree.

Many things have conspired to keep us here in the heat. Family obligations, grand kid sitting, a 50th wedding anniversary celebration and various other things. It should soon turn cool, however, as we intend to leave the scene soon. We still will have grand kids to watch, but they will be with us. The location will be closer to home, and if memory serves me correctly, I'll be able to easily make the repeater from the closer location. It just depends whether the various mountain ridges shield the machine from the trailer.

The current set of rosters is being worked on, and we should have them ready in time for publication in this issue of the newsletter. This will be the last published change this year.

I listened for a short time late Saturday night during Field Day on the HF bands. 40 meters was HOT around midnight! I heard stations from the East Coast to California and several of the Canadian Provinces. No, I didn't make any contacts. We had just returned from a celebration up above Brownsville, and the old dad was too pooped to do more than listen for a few minutes and then crawl off to bed.

The club has not fielded a group for several years now. I wonder if maybe next year ----- ???

I sometimes think it would be fun to set up a battery-powered QRP station up in the hills somewhere for Field Day. I know that one year we did such a thing, and they ended up with a higher point score than the conventional station here in town. It's something to think about.

There is very little new on the club web site, except for the changed rosters. (I took a chance they are somewhere near correct.)

I recently heard an interesting suggestion to help increase membership and participation in club events. A guy at ARRL VEC said some clubs have sent invitations to all the Hams in the data base within the surrounding area to take part in a meeting or potluck dinner or some other such thing. He said they had some success in gaining new blood in a club and re-kindled interest in some of the former members who had drifted away over the years.

I wonder if we should think about using the list of people who have tested at our VE Sessions in the last year or so for such a thing? The November Annual Meeting and Potluck might be an ideal time for such a thing. Does anyone have a comment or maybe a better idea?? Board members and Officers, are you listening? I know there many people within the immediate twin cities area that we never hear from or of. Check the data base at QRZ or ARRL, and you'll be surprised at how many licensed Amateurs there are in this area.

Well, it's confirmed. The badges will not be illustrated in this issue. Look for more information in the August issue. There should be a picture in that issue.

For the first time in recent months, I am at a loss for material to finish this page. There have been many things going on both here at W6HBU and throughout the club. I know that various people are either on vacation or have returned from vacation or are planning a vacation or trip of some sort. Many of these things are more of a personal or family event rather than something that would make suitable material for the Valley Ham News.

So-o-o-o- it looks like biscuits and honey.

For any new readers out there, that's when the Editor runs out of material and gets desperate enough to just start typing to see what comes out.

BISCUITS AND HONEY

Have you ever noticed that the biscuits and honey never seem to come out even at the breakfast table? There is always either some honey or at least part of a biscuit left over. The same thing sometimes happens with a newsletter such as the Valley Ham News. There is either more material than space or vice versa. Today, the space is winning out. Your Editor's brain is somewhat dead, and filled with many things rather than lofty thoughts that can be put in the newsletter. I need a vacation. I will take a vacation away from the hot valley.

That brings up a thought. Maybe my brain has been fried by the recent unseasonably warm weather. All the more reason to head for the hills soon. Only this time we will have grand kids and will not go to the familiar pine tree at the 5000-foot mark. We will be in a more civilized setting at about the 3500-foot mark. There will be more amenities such as a swimming pool and snack bar, etc. Thank heaven for the amenities. Though there will be only two kids at a time, they will be hard to keep up with. We do look forward to the outing, however.

This does not mean we have abandoned the pine tree. It will come in for its share of attention later this year. I think next trip up there I will take along the 4-element 2-meter beam that resides in the flower bed out in the back yard. It'll be interesting to see what, if any, difference it will make in working the local repeater. Incidentally, a good choice for a line back into the valley might be the 147.105 machine west of Willows. Ken, K6BIQ, is the trustee, and he's had the thing up on one of the hills out there for years.

So there you have it. Biscuits and Honey for the month.

Membership Application: YUBA SUTTER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Type: New _____ Renewal _____

Member Information: (Full voting rights and privileges)

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Name: _____ Call Sign: _____ License Class: _____

Dues: \$ _____ (\$18.00 per year)

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Total: _____

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